

ONE MORE CHANCE

Given to Dissatisfied Taxpayers by the City Board of Assessors.

APPEALS BEING REHEARD.

Question of Classification Proves the Stumbling Block.

EAST ENDERS CLAIM TO BE RURAL.

Schenley Estate Agent Wants a Big Cut Made in Valuation.

TALKING ABOUT THE EQUITABLE SUIT.

The Board of Assessors are endeavoring to adjust as many of the assessments as have failed to please and to ward off any more equity suits. To that end they have granted rehearings in a number of cases where appeals were not satisfactorily acted upon, and they expect to keep it up for some time to come.

Yesterday morning's hearing was an interesting one. Attorneys Bruce and Shields were on hand for their clients, notwithstanding the claim in their bill in equity that the Board of Assessors had no legal existence. During the hearing, while Mr. Shields was exercising his privilege of cross-examination of the assessors, Chief Assessor Case could not resist the temptation to ask:

"Mr. Shields, your presence here is a surprise to me. It is somewhat unusual for an attorney to appear before a board which he claims has no legal existence, is it not?"

The answer was not taken up by the attorney, and it ended there, but the discomfiture was enjoyed by the others present.

Assessors Satisfy Many Appellants.

The rehearings thus far granted have been taken under consideration in most cases, though in a few decisions have been rendered. In all cases decided the assessors have shown a determination to stand by their classification system and, generally, to their valuations. The bulk of the appeals are on the classification. In a number of instances the assessors have simply talked the appeals over with appellants and convinced them of their fairness and equity, sending them away satisfied. It is only when the appellant has an attorney acting for him that it is impossible to get such an easy settlement.

Charles J. Clarke, whose handsome residence on Forbes street attracts so much attention, was one of the appellants for a rehearing yesterday, being represented by Bruce & Shields. Mr. Clarke's original assessment had been \$302,331, of which \$193,550 was on his 7 1/2 acres of residence grounds, \$24,000 on the 10-acre tract on Niagara street, \$29,200 on residence and other buildings and \$55,580 on the 13-acre tract bounded by Fifth and Clark avenues and Forbes street.

Made a Very Slight Reduction.

His first appeal fixed the value of the residence ground at \$109,000, buildings at \$24,500, Niagara street land at \$18,000 and the Fifth avenue tract at \$50,000, by which sum he offered to settle. The assessors then changed his assessment, making a reduction on part as rural as follows: Seven and one-fourth-acre tract, \$112,000; residence, grounds and buildings, \$21,200; Niagara street, 20 acres, \$18,000; Fifth avenue tract, \$50,000, making the total assessment \$182,000, or considerably less than the original assessment on the residence ground alone. But even this was not satisfactory to Mr. Clarke. At the hearing yesterday the assessors declined to take any more of the land figures, but on the testimony produced secured of \$1,300 more on the buildings, making the total assessment \$183,300. Whether this will be satisfactory or not has not been determined.

D. R. Murdoch, assessed full on 126x137 feet of Fifth avenue front, to Mr. Pierre street, wants a rural classification at a valuation of \$16,000.

John R. and A. Murdoch, assessed \$20,000 on 75.24 acres west of Shady Lane, want a big reduction in valuation, though their classification has been made agricultural.

Refused to Concede Rural Assessments.

R. E. Ferguson's appeal for a rehearing was also based on classification. On his numerous properties on Morewood, Bidwell, Ellsworth, Fifth and Anderson streets, \$20,000, making the total assessment \$307,598, but his appeal was for a reduction to \$249,511. The assessors made a few cuts on his assessment. On 2 1/2 acres at Fifth street and Morewood street, the land was reduced to \$10,000, and on a lot 125x210, in rear of Bidwell street, was cut from \$10,125 to \$4,300. A number of other lots were made agricultural, but the property was nearly all classified as full taxable and Mr. Ferguson demands rural.

D. B. Bruce's property consists of 1,442 acres, including from Fifth to Vesper streets, and 5 1/2 acres on Wickham and Wilkins streets. In 1891 the former was assessed at \$11,300, but the original assessment of this year, reduced to \$8,300. The last assessed piece was assessed at \$5,125 in 1891 and \$30,730 this year. On his appeal the valuations were fixed at \$7,000 an acre on the first and \$8,000 an acre on the second piece, full taxable and full rural classification.

Appeal from the Schenley Estate.

Mrs. Mary E. Schenley's original assessment in the Fourteenth ward was a little over \$120,000, and the bulk of it was classified as full taxable, but her representatives felt by appeal succeeded in getting it cut down several hundred thousand and having most of it classified as rural and agricultural. This, however, is not satisfactory, and they want the assessment made the same as in 1889, or about 10 per cent lower. On Mrs. Schenley's Eighteenth ward property she was originally assessed at \$503,000 this year. On the 105 1/2-acre tract on Stanton avenue the value fixed was \$20,000, but she offered to settle at \$10,000, full taxable and full rural classification.

Other large owners of property who, through their attorneys, have been granted rehearings were J. W. L. and W. A. Heron, of the Thirteenth ward; Jos. Longstrech, John Dawson, Mrs. E. M. Watson and Mrs. M. Maeder, of the Fourteenth ward; Sarah C. King, Chas. Lockhart, L. W. McLeod, of the Nineteenth ward.

Appeals from the Big Twentieth.

In the Twentieth ward, Mary C. Bruce, W. E. McIntosh, E. G. Grotzinger, L. E. Moore, Ida M. Scott, T. B. Morland, M. A. Woodard, Jacob Kuritz, Mrs. E. B. Wolfe, Mary Hackett, C. B. Seely, Jos. Weidner, J. E. Grotzinger, C. Grotzinger, W. A. Guthrie, W. R. Mooney, John Pittcock, the heirs and the Harrison heirs appear, as do J. J. Ricketts, E. Succop, the Murdocks, Mary Longstrech, J. B. and R. B. Phillips, Geo. Haller, B. Douglas, Wm. Hamilton, D. B. Ferguson, A. S. Murray, M. A. Horne, Wm. Coleman, Mrs. F. F. Myers, Mrs. N. Bradley and H. C. Erick, of the Twenty-second ward; B. F. Ferree and W. H. Finley, of the Twenty-first; Philip Hoffman and Kirk Bigham, of the Thirteenth; and J. E. Grotzinger, of the Twenty-third. A rehearing has been arranged for a number of others for Monday

morning, and will be continued thence until all disputes have been decided. Opinions varied yesterday as to what will be the result of the equity suit filed by D. Bruce and others the previous day. It is generally believed that the Court will give each appeal separate consideration and not a general judgment on the assessment. If this is done, it is not expected there will be any trouble, but if the Court follows the suggestion of the plaintiffs by declaring the assessment void made up, as alleged, from the ward assessors' books, serious results are expected to follow.

BADE ADIEU FOREVER.

Members Shed Tears as They Say Goodbye to the Old Fifth Avenue Office—Interesting Reports From All the Societies in the Church.

The members and friends of the M. P. Church gathered in the old building last night to take a final farewell of the edifice which for so long has held much more than a place in the hearts of the members. The meeting was held in the eyes of more than one old pillar of the church. Long after the session was over, the older folks lingered. They seemed to be trying to prolong the meeting as long as possible, as though they were bidding adieu forever to some friend near and dear.

Irma and Annie Armstrong met last night and made reports. One of the most interesting was that of Sunday School Superintendent W. K. Gillespie. The school was formed in 1829, but the first record of the school until 1847, as the janitor had sold the minutes of the intervening years for waste paper. From 1847 to 1867 the school was composed of 350 members, but at the present time it is down to 130. The records of the school bear the names of many prominent Pittsburghers. In 1867 C. L. Mages was assistant librarian. For the past 20 years, one-third the life of the church, Misses Anne Rutledge and Annie Armstrong have been teachers in the Sunday school. This is considered a splendid record.

Miss Ella Patton showed what the Woman's Exchange and benevolent work. The organization was formed in 1888 and has a membership of 30. It was instituted to help in decreasing the debt of the church, and has so far contributed \$200 toward that fund.

It was also shown that the church contributed heavily to the fire sufferers in 1843. Other reports were given by the following: Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Mary A. Miller; King's Daughters, Miss Annie Rutledge; Christian Endeavor Society, William Zimmerman and Prudence Aid Society, John S. Elliotts. This last organization was formed in 1831. It now has a reserve fund of \$25,000.

A PORTABLE FIRE BRIDGE.

George Barnes' Novel Invention to Prevent Street Railway Tie-Ups.

George Barnes believes he has solved the problem of street tie-ups during big fires. Chief Brown and ex-Superintendent Evans, of the Pittsburgh Fire Bureau, agree with him. He has invented a portable bridge, which can be attached to a street car and hauled to the scene of a fire. It is light enough to be handled by two men, and when raised, the present size will be 16 feet high and 10 feet wide, but can be enlarged to cover three street car tracks. It is also strong enough to bear the weight of half a dozen lines of hose, and can be raised or lowered by means of the firemen could fight the flames.

The contrivance is simple in construction. There are wheels on each side of the supports which support the bridge. The bridge is simply drawn the ends out and the apparatus is so balanced that the weight nearly all falls on the wheels. When in position, as constructed, it it braces itself. The whole apparatus does not weigh over 700 pounds.

MCCLURE AS A LUXURY.

What the Law and Order Chief Has Cost the County.

Agent McClure, of the Law and Order Society, as a luxury, was commented on by the County Commissioners and the taxpayers in general. The records show that McClure has already cost the taxpayers hundreds of dollars. His spies now under arrest on serious charges, are an additional burden, and now Mr. McClure is having the total assessment of his property reduced to \$30,000, or considerably less than the original assessment on the residence ground alone. But even this was not satisfactory to Mr. McClure. At the hearing yesterday the assessors declined to take any more of the land figures, but on the testimony produced secured of \$1,300 more on the buildings, making the total assessment \$183,300. Whether this will be satisfactory or not has not been determined.

WALSHING ADVENTURES by an old Sea Captain in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

RETURNED TO HER OLD HOME.

The Deserted Wife of an Immigrant to Be Sent Back to Germany.

Chief Elliot is making arrangements to send Mrs. Gottfried Roth back to her home on the banks of the Rhine. She is a delicate little woman with two children. Three years ago her husband deserted her in Germany and came to America. He drifted out to the mines at Geary, Ill., where by chance several men from his native village came for work. They knew he had left his wife behind and finally shame him into sending for her. The family from the Fatherland finally arrived, but Gottfried soon grew uneasy and again deserted them. He located in Pittsburgh, where he was discovered by the police and he is left penniless and in a delicate condition. Chief Elliot believes it will be cheaper to send the family back to Germany where they have friends than to keep them here as charges on the city's charity.

EAST END.

Do you desire to live in the suburbs during the summer months and still remain within easy reach of the city? If so, our "To Let Rooms" and "Wanted Boarders" cent-a-word advertising columns Saturday and Sunday. More East End houses than any other paper.

Johnnie Wattered a Change.

John Cassidy, an 8-year-old boy, who ran away from the Tannehill Orphan Asylum Wednesday evening, was picked up by the police. Agent Adams took him back to the asylum. Cassidy has been at the asylum ever since he was a baby, and always seemed contented until lately, when he has made several attempts to escape.

Dr. B. M. HANNA, Eye, ear, nose and throat diseases exclusively. Office, 729 Penn street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FLESHY WOMEN should read Shirley Dore's letter in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

ALLEGHENY IN A MIX.

The City May Have to Be Almost Entirely Reconstructed

TO FIT THE BAKER BALLOT LAW.

Proposed Redivision of Wards Meeting With Opposition.

TANGLE OVER THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Allegheny City is again distressingly muddled over its local legislation, and the citizens are confused over a variety of other matters that may require the assistance of the county courts to unravel.

The resolution introduced into the Select branch of Allegheny Councils at its last meeting providing for a joint committee to reconstruct and redivide the wards of the city is what is causing all the trouble. The warding of the city would bring up so many tangled questions that the people seem lost in the meshes of the project. The resolution passed the Select branch of Councils. It provided for the appointment of a committee composed of all the 13 members of Select Council and a Common Councilman from each of the 13 wards in the city. Common Council refused to adopt the resolution on the ground that the Common branch of Councils is entitled to a larger representation on any committee than is the Select branch. Select Council hesitates to give to the other branch more than equal representation.

Mayor E. A. Conner and some friends, it is said, have also applied for a charter. Their terminus is at St. Michael's Cemetery, which is not considered as good as the other. There is a contest for the charter, and a hearing will be held next week to settle the difference.

BENSON'S MIND IS WANDERING.

One of the A. M. E. Zion Delegates Has to Be Sent Home.

Bishop J. P. Thompson presided at the A. M. E. Zion Grand Conference yesterday. Rev. F. M. Jacobs, who had been disappointed in not being elected, during prayer, made an attack on the president of the conference, who was booed by the Conference and apologized.

A collection was raised to send back Rev. B. J. Benson to Alabama. He has been ill and his mind is wandering.

Rev. R. M. Gudgeon offered a resolution that as there is no place in the Book of Discipline should be made to the Conference that the Committee on Resolutions present some recommendations on the matter. The motion was carried, and the committee was asked to present a plan of a book he desired the Conference to accept and publish. It is entitled "Fifty Plans on Raising Money to Pay for the School Property."

The remaining time of the session was taken in consideration of the Book Concern of New York. At present this is the only one of the kind in the country, and from the reports made it was shown that the revenues were not very extensive from it. The salary of its agent is \$1,500 a year. It is claimed by some that the revenues will then be submitted to the people for them to vote upon, and by pushing things the city can be redivided before the November election. There is no time to lose, however.

Not Enough Voting Places.

"Our experience in the recent Mayoralty election," Mr. Henricks said, "has taught us that we do not have enough voting places to enable all our people to vote, and the approaching Presidential election, when probably every vote in the city will be out, demands that the resolution in Councils call for. Select Council will meet next Thursday night and it is likely the matter will be compromised by giving to Common Council an extra member of the proposed committee. Then the committee can go to work. The matter will then be submitted to the people for them to vote upon, and by pushing things the city can be redivided before the November election. There is no time to lose, however."

Dividing Up the School Property.

In constructing new wards out of the old ones, the school property must be divided in some way and the erection of several new schoolhouses will be necessary. It is claimed by some that the warding of the city will be compromised by giving to Common Council an extra member of the proposed committee. Then the committee can go to work. The matter will then be submitted to the people for them to vote upon, and by pushing things the city can be redivided before the November election. There is no time to lose, however."

SAME RURAL POLICY.

The Pins Said to Be Set Up Against Colonel Huff for Congress.

Curtis H. Gregg, ex-District Attorney of Westmoreland county, was in Pittsburgh yesterday on legal business. Mr. Gregg says Westmoreland county and the Twenty-first Congressional district, composed of Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong and Jefferson counties, are just now boiling over with politics. He says the Republicans of the district have so set up the political pins that Colonel George F. Huff cannot be nominated, and he believes Mr. Huff is a Republican politician. The Republican nomination of Mr. Gregg says will likely go to Armstrong county and the Democratic nomination to Captain John B. Keenan, of Westmoreland.

WAS IT A TRICK?

Mike O'Sullivan Said to Be at Liberty Instead of Being Dead.

H. J. Morse, clerk at the Hotel Schlosser, said last night that early yesterday afternoon two detectives from Chicago came in inquiring for Mike O'Sullivan, the Chicago ice man, who was convicted of complicity with the Cronin murder, and who was reported to have died early this week at the Joliet Penitentiary. Clerk Morse says the Chicago officers gave him a description of O'Sullivan, and also said that the impression prevailed at Chicago that O'Sullivan had been allowed to escape from the Illinois prison, and that the rumor of his death was circulated to guarantee his escape. The Chicago officers also alleged that the dead body brought from the prison to Chicago was not O'Sullivan, and that the remains have not been identified by anyone save O'Sullivan's sister, who with the Chicago officers contend was in with the scheme. The Chicago men also said that the country was being thoroughly scourred for O'Sullivan.

A HOTEL MAN STUCK.

By a Thief Who Broke Open a Safe and Stole a Check.

The burglars who blew open Thomas S. O'Neil's safe in the East End over a week ago and stole a check for \$100 and \$25 in cash have succeeded in passing the check and getting the money. Yesterday morning Chief Brown received a letter from the Uniontown National Bank which stated that they had cashed a check for \$100, payable to T. S. O'Neil, on Liberty National Bank, of East Liberty. The check was endorsed by a hotel proprietor of the town, where the young man had stopped and managed to get into his confidence.

The clerk was sent through the Clearing House and it took several days to reach the East Liberty bank where it was discovered. Word was immediately telegraphed to Uniontown that payment had been stopped and the check was worthless. The proprietors of the hotel will be the losers. The police have a description of the man who presented the check.

AMATEURS will find a good letter on the subject, written by Walter Dohm, besides the one in the advertising columns in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

AFTER HIM AGAIN.

Mrs. Cate No. 1 Sues Her Husband for Non-Support and Desertion.

Another chapter in the Cate affair has come to light. On Thursday, Mrs. Cate No. 1 arrived in the city with her two children and entered an information against George L. Cate, charging him with desertion and non-support, and then left for Jeannette, where she now is. Mrs. Cate said that she had been offered from \$300 to \$500 to settle the case but had refused. Mrs. Cate will remain in Jeannette to prosecute the case against her husband.

An effort was made last night to see Mr. Cate, but he could not be found. It was rumored that he was also at Jeannette, where he is now employed.

TO REACH THE HEIGHTS.

A New Inclined Plane to Be Built to Mt. Oliver—Freight Cars to Be Hauled to the Hill Top for Delivery—Many Options Already Secured.

Another new inclined plane will shortly be built from the Southside to Mt. Oliver. For some time past agents have been busy securing options on property along the proposed route, all of which have been secured except that of Chris Bonner, but he has expressed a willingness to sell outright. The utmost secrecy has prevailed in the securing of the options, the agents telling differing tales about the property was wanted to erect an asphaltum works. Just who the people are that are interested in this project is hard to find, but it was intimated that J. F. Grimes, the Knoxville Sand Improvement Company, and Joseph Keeling, the well-known coal operator, were at the head of the concern. Dr. J. M. Duff said last night that the project was to be built from Twenty-first and Jane streets to Arlington avenue. The route will be very easy, as the grade will not be over 7 feet in 100 feet. The money is already up, and who the proprietors are, said the doctor, "as the scheme was told to me in confidence. I saw one of the gentlemen on the street this morning and he said he had been from Harrisburg, where he had been looking after the application for a charter, and he told me everything was all right and they were going ahead as good as started. The incline is to be built on a larger scale than any other in this vicinity. The cars will be so constructed as to permit the carrying of freight cars, and the hill top will be the benefit of merchants and others in that vicinity. I am not interested in the corporation, but I know it will be built, as the money is already up. I think it will help business in this end of the town considerably."

Surveying the Town for Sewers.

The town has some other improvements in the air, however. Today E. A. Dunham, a civil engineer from New Jersey, will visit Sewickley and make a survey of the town for sewerage. The Sewickleyans are clamoring for a system of sewerage, and it was thought that a civil engineer would make a specific plan of the borough and the sewerage of the town will not be very expensive, as the borough has the advantage of the land has a gradual slope down to the river.

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A BOROUGH OF BEAUTY

Sewickley Preparing to Pave Streets With Vittrified Brick.

SURVEYING THE TOWN FOR SEWERS.

The Water Commissioners Formulating Plans for a New Plant.

FILTERED RIVER FLUID TO BE USED

Sewickley intends to spend considerable money this summer on borough improvements. When she is through her streets will be better than ever before. The town and the town likely sewerage throughout. At the last meeting of Council it was decided to pave the town's principal thoroughfare, Beaver avenue, with vittrified brick. The avenue is one mile long and will be paved its entire length from curb to curb. Bids are now being received for the work and the contract will not be given to the lowest bidder unless he is the best. It is the desire of the town to pave all its streets, but it is not likely that any more of its avenues will be improved before next year as the contract on hand will require a considerable outlay of money.

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She Wins a Majority of the Offices in the Grand Court of Foresters—Delegates Delighted With Their Reception in This City—Presented to the Officers of the Grand Court of Foresters.

After one of the most harmonious, successful and pleasant sessions in its existence, the Pennsylvania Grand Court of the Ancient Order